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Regarding your recent meeting related to the measurement of groundwater pumping in the Wood River Valley, I support the idea of measuring ground water use, but only those users that DO NOT have a surface right attached.

I live in the Bellevue triangle and own a water rights package for my 10 acres that includes 1883 surface and 1954 ground water. My surface water is delivered to my irrigation pond by gravity feed, so it is free relative to the cost of pumping the ground water to the pond. As such, I obviously use the surface water until the ditch is dry. In good water years, I use almost no ground water at all.

That being said, I would assume that a user such as me would not be required to spend a couple thousand dollars on a measurement system for my 1954 well since it is supplemental to, and backed up by an 1883 surface right. My opinion is that only those ground pumpers WITHOUT a senior surface right should be required to add a measurement system. In other words, the ground pumpers that would be potentially shut down when conjunctive management is introduced.

I apologize if this was stated at the meeting, I was not able to attend.

Thank you,

Scott Porter

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